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✓ THE RIDDLE RIDER ✓

✓ Photoplay in 2 reels ✓

✓ #1 The Canyon Torrent ✓

✓ *and Scenario* ✓
✓ Story by Wm. Wing and Arthur H. Gooden ✓

✓ Directed by Wm. Craft

✓ Author of the Photoplay (under section 62) ✓
✓ Universal Pictures Corporation of U.S. ✓

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"THE RIDDLE RIDER"

Universal Chapter Play
Co-Starring **WILLIAM DESMOND**
and **EILEEN SEDGWICK**

No. 1—"The Canyon Torrent"

VICTOR SARLES unscrupulously tries to buy, through Julia Dean, valuable oil land lying beneath the ranch of Nell Madden, pony express rider, trying to lift the mortgage from her property. She is loved by Randolph Parker, publisher of the local newspaper, who is trying to expose Sarles and his gang. Two of Sarles' men, Jack Archer and Monte Slade, report that the mysterious Riddle Rider was almost caught spying around their oil well but could discover nothing as the flow had been plugged.

Nell is about to sign away her ranch to Sarles when the Riddle Rider arrives and after warning her not to, disappears, pursued by Sarles' men. To embarrass financially Nell and force her to sell, Sarles and Archer plot to interfere with Nell's schedule, forcing her to break her contract with the government, thereby enabling them to foreclose. They and some cowboys chase her off her route into a canyon. Floods have caused a dam to burst, and the onrushing torrent threatens her with death.

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